

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FATHER EDWARD FLAHERTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Reverend Edward Flaherty, Veteran of the United States Army, for his service to our country.

Father Flaherty served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, serving two years, eleven months, and two days throughout the Pacific theater of World War II, including time in New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea. While serving in the Army, Father Flaherty was a Medical Technician with the 131st Engineer Regiment Medical Detachment, in which he played an essential role in treating his fellow soldiers' wounds and injuries while also assisting with evacuations for casualties.

During his time in the Army, Father Flaherty earned the American Defense Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star but he was never awarded the physical medals. After inquiring on his behalf, our office discovered additional medals he earned but never received.

After his discharge from the U.S. Army, Father Flaherty returned to his hometown of Kansas City and worked for Folger's as a bookkeeper and accountant. He formally entered the Jesuit order in 1959 at 40 years of age and was ordained as a priest in 1965. He then moved to Colorado in 1967 and taught at Regis University. He became a staple in the Colorado Jesuit community for the next several decades, most recently pastoring at the Shrine of St. Anne Parish in Arvada, Colo.

Father Flaherty's courageous service helped to defend our nation's democracy and ideals abroad at a crucial moment in world history. His heroism has charted the path for future generations of men and women who serve in the military. We are proud to have Father Flaherty call Colorado home for so many years, and forever indebted to him for his bravery and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Father Flaherty for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE DOYLE
VARNER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Bruce Doyle Varner, who passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Bruce was a dedicated leader in the Inland Empire region of California, and he will be deeply missed.

Bruce was born in Los Angeles, California in 1936. His family would later move up the coast to San Luis Obispo, where he would spend the bulk of his youth. After high school, Bruce decided to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he would go on to be a star football and baseball player. Despite being recruited by a few professional football teams, Bruce was focused on a future legal career. Before entering law school, Bruce served briefly in the U.S. Army. At UC Hastings Law School, he became Editor in Chief of the Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif. After passing the California Bar Examination in 1962, Bruce moved to the Inland Empire and launched his legal career at a prominent law firm.

In 1975, Bruce married his wife, Nancy, at the Mission Inn Chapel in Riverside, California. He quickly became one of the region's top corporate and business transactional attorneys. Bruce was especially proud of his work in collaboration with former Stater Bros. Markets' President Jack Brown during the 1986 proxy battle over control of the company. Bruce and Jack were successful, and Stater Bros. would emerge as one of the leading supermarket chains in our region. In another landmark effort, Bruce was instrumental in the conversion of a portion of Norton Air Force Base into the Stater Bros. corporate headquarters, warehouse and distribution center after the base was closed. In addition to his legal practice, Bruce was nominated to serve on the University of California Board of Regents in 2006 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Bruce was predeceased by his beloved wife, Nancy, and survived by his brother Ron; sons Kevin, Sean, Brett, and daughter, Nicole; grandchildren Zoey, Peyton, Marcus, Devin, Ancel, Finley, Fiona and Bruce; daughters-in-law, Tracy and Kristin; and son-in-law Brian. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Varner family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Bruce. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Bruce made to his community and family will have a lasting impact.

HONORING GARLAND LIFE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Garland Life, who died on June 2, 2021 at the age of 78. Mr. Life was a longtime educator in the Roanoke Valley who made a tremendous positive impact on his students.

Mr. Life was born on June 15, 1942 in McGaheysville, Virginia to Cecil and Mary Burner Life. He grew up on a farm and graduated from Montevideo High School. Subsequently, he earned degrees from Bridgewater College and the University of Virginia.

During his career as an educator, he worked as a teacher, a principal at Andrew

Lewis High School in Salem and Cave Spring High School, and an administrator of Roanoke County Schools. His students benefited from the lessons he taught and the learning environment he created. I recognized this firsthand as one of the students at Andrew Lewis High School when he was principal. When the Salem School Board signaled intentions to remove Andrew Lewis from the high school's name and I wanted to keep it, he let me pursue what would become my first public campaign in the community. He could have stopped this student-led movement, but he didn't. I have always appreciated the indulgence he showed his students on this occasion.

Mr. Life is survived by his wife, Kimberly Hale; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Amy Life, daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Paul Tesoriere; grandchildren, Benjamin and Megan Life and Bella and Luca Tesoriere; stepdaughter, Gretchen Roberts; stepson Andrew Roberts; and sister, Janet Wayland. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

TRIBUTE TO COURTNEY HALE,
CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRES-
SIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Woman of the Year Award recipient, Courtney Haile of San Luis Obispo, California.

Courtney brings a bold and honest voice to community advocacy and her work on equity, justice, and belonging. As a student, Courtney explored media representation, race, and gender, and examined Black identity development in predominantly white communities. She dreams of a more equitable and inclusive world for people of color to live in, and she is measurably helping to create such a world on the Central Coast. In response to the death of Philando Castile and others, she co-founded R.A.C.E. Matters, a grassroots organization amplifying racial justice and centering Black voices through art and culture. As Executive Director, Courtney is a driving force for the organization's creative endeavors, cultural programs, and organization of local racial justice events. Courtney executes and stands by her vision with class, grace, and intelligence.

Courtney participates in a range of community activities and most enjoys collaborating with community partners to create bold, beautiful, and engaging experiences. In her mission to help people honor and better understand the needs and contributions of the Black members of our community, Courtney spearheads the visionary art series, BELONGING, and

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produced two original documentary films, *Restrictions Apply*, about San Luis Obispo's history of housing discrimination and *Kut To Be the Best: The Last Black Barbershop* in San Luis Obispo, as a tribute to Black owned businesses and the importance of the cultural spaces created by them.

Courtney's work through R.A.C.E. Matters has opened the eyes of the community to the talents, contributions, and value of our Black citizens. Given that our county is but 2.2 percent Black, this is a tall order, but Courtney has been able to shine her light and lead the way toward this vision. San Luis Obispo County is better off because Courtney Haile lives here.

I am honored to recognize Courtney for her continued commitment to improving our community and the residents of San Luis Obispo County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Courtney Haile, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
TONAWANDA SUPERVISOR RON-
ALD H. MOLINE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Tonawanda Town Supervisor Ronald H. Moline, a native of Western New York. Ron was well-liked and well-respected as an educator, and served as a member of the Tonawanda Town Board for more than a quarter-century.

A graduate of Sweet Home High School and the State University of New York at Buffalo, Ron began a career as a high school history teacher with Buffalo Public Schools in 1964. In 1981, he embarked upon a political career in the town of Tonawanda, winning a grueling race for a seat on the Town Board. After the incumbent Supervisor passed away two years later, Mr. Moline accepted appointment to the position, and subsequently won election to the seat in his own right. Ron would move back to a seat as Councilman in 1993 and would again become Supervisor in 2000.

As Supervisor, Ron worked to grow industrial parks in Tonawanda, and worked closely with companies including General Motors, Dunlop, DuPont, and Praxair to both maintain current jobs in Tonawanda and grow opportunities for both corporations and local workers. Ron was an innovator in local government as well, establishing a Yahoo chat room in 2001 for concerned citizens to communicate directly with elected Town leaders, allowing them to be, as he said, more "close, available, and responsive to our constituents."

Madam Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to remember the life and accomplishments of Supervisor Ron Moline, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his legacy and extending our condolences to his family and friends.

APPRECIATING PRIME MINISTER
BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the statement issued on change of governance in Israel, by Jack Rosen, President of American Jewish Congress, was heart-felt on the service of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. "We also want to thank outgoing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his long-time service and leadership. Mr. Netanyahu has greatly contributed to Israel's progress, especially in strengthening the country's security, transforming it into an economic powerhouse, and advancing its standing in the international arena. Under Prime Minister Netanyahu's watch, Israel underwent an extraordinary rapprochement with the Arab world, as attested to by the historic normalization agreements achieved with several Arab countries. We wish him well."

A highlight of my service in Congress has been for me and my wife, Roxanne, to meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu in Jerusalem and Washington. As co-chair of the Israel Caucus, I know firsthand of his extraordinary dedication for the people of Israel.

I agree with Mr. Rosen. "We look forward to engaging with the new Israeli government to help take American-Israeli relations to new heights, to addressing critical regional challenges together, and to achieving sustainable peace and prosperity for all."

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

IN HONOR OF PAUL PLOTKIN

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Paul Plotkin. Born on June 19, 1921, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Mr. Plotkin is a veteran and a resident of Derry, New Hampshire. During World War II, he answered the call of his nation and joined the U.S. Army, serving with the 66th Infantry Division in Europe.

Mr. Plotkin endured great hardship during his military service. He was among the more than 2,000 American soldiers being transported from Southampton, England, to Cherbourg, France, aboard the troopship SS *Léopoldville* when the ship was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine on the evening of December 24, 1944. 763 American soldiers tragically lost their lives in the initial blast and the resulting sinking of the ship in the frigid waters of the English Channel, but Mr. Plotkin survived and made it to France. Although discussion of the *Léopoldville* disaster was censored in the aftermath of the tragedy, Mr. Plotkin preserved the memory of what he experienced and carried it on to today. Now, as a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617, Mr. Plotkin continues to honor the memory of his comrades and their sacrifice by supporting fellow veterans and speaking out about his experiences during the war.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to wish Mr. Plotkin a happy 100th birthday and thank him for his service to our nation. I hope that he has a wonderful celebration with his loved ones and fellow veterans. His sacrifice will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR MIKE
DONNELLY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional career of Mayor Mike Donnelly of Double Oak, Texas. Mayor Donnelly's almost two decades of service in public office is a model of civic duty. As he retires following his fifth term in mayoral office, it is my distinct honor to recognize his service to our community.

Since he became a resident of Double Oak in 2002, Mike Donnelly has served his community faithfully as a volunteer and public servant. He was initially elected to the Double Oak Town Council in 2004 and served in that position for three terms before running unopposed for his first term of Mayor in 2009. Following his first mayoral term, he stepped away to care for his mother. He was re-elected to the Town Council in 2012 and his council colleagues appointed him as Mayor Pro Tem. Following the death of Mayor Tom Pidcock in July 2012, he was appointed to fill the Mayor's seat, a position to which he has been re-elected each succeeding term. During his public service, Mayor Donnelly has maintained a full-time professional career with American Airlines for over thirty years.

The Town of Double Oak has prospered under Mayor Donnelly's leadership. This North Texas municipality continues to boast one of the lowest income tax rates in the State of Texas, thanks in large part to the efficiency and skill of Mayor Donnelly's administration. Last year, Mayor Donnelly and the Town Council's successful infrastructure, police, and education initiatives culminated in Double Oak being named the "Safest City in Texas." Mayor Donnelly's outstanding civic achievements and personal philanthropic contributions are to be applauded.

On behalf of the 26th District, I am privileged to congratulate and thank Mayor Mike Donnelly as he steps down after a long career of estimable public service. Best wishes to Mayor Donnelly as he returns to private life. His positive impact on Double Oak will continue to benefit its citizens for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TENURE
OF ORANGE COUNTY SANITA-
TION DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR-
MAN DAVID JOHN SHAWVER

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tenure of the City of Stanton Mayor David John Shawver as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District

(OC San) Board of Directors, and his dedication and service to the residents of Orange County in this capacity.

Throughout his tenure on the OC San board from December 2018 through June 2021, Chairman Shawver has remained steadfast in his commitment to providing an affordable service to the community, while understanding the importance of keeping with OC San's mission of protecting the public health and the environment.

Under his leadership, Chairman Shawver and the Board of Directors understood the financial hardship COVID-19 created for many of our ratepayers. As a result, the Board of Directors forwent the board approved regional sewer service fee increase for the 2020-21 fiscal year, keeping it at \$339 for the year, which is less than \$1 a day.

Chairman Shawver's commitment to affordable water and water use has allowed OC San to move in the direction to recycle 100 percent of its reclaimable flow through the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), a joint project between OC San and the Orange County Water District.

Upon completion of this project in 2023, GWRS will produce 130 million gallons of high-quality water every day, which will be enough water for 1 million residents in north and central Orange County.

As a former educator myself, I would also like to recognize Chairman Shawver for his more than 40 years of service as an educator in the Long Beach Unified School District, at Long Beach City College, and at Hope International University in Fullerton.

On behalf of the residents of the 47th District, I want to thank Chairman Shawver for his years of service and dedication to OC San and to the community he has committed himself to serving.

HONORING DR. ALA STANFORD AS A VIRTUAL GUEST FOR PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ala Stanford from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday, April 28, 2021, President Biden delivered his first address to a Joint Session of Congress, 100 days into his first term.

When President Biden took the oath of office, he pledged that help was on the way. Thanks to our work together to enact the American Rescue Plan, help is here.

Hardworking people in Pennsylvania and all across the country have been the heroes of the pandemic, and now they are leading our recovery. Dr. Stanford is one of those heroes.

The Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium was founded by Dr. Stanford in 2020 to educate and advocate for the Black community in order to reduce the incidence of disease and death from coronavirus.

The group originally focused on bringing testing to underserved communities, and now

they also run vaccination clinics in these same areas. Dr. Stanford and her team are intentional about targeting their resources to the Black community because Black Americans have been disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus and are still underrepresented in the number of people who have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

After more than a year of having our lives consumed by COVID-19, I could think of no better person to represent our region at President Biden's Joint Address to Congress than Dr. Stanford. When the pandemic hit, she figured out what needed to be done, and then she did it. She has dedicated herself to the work of serving her community and reducing racial disparities in access to testing and vaccines.

In a typical year, I would have invited Dr. Stanford to join me in the House Chamber for the Joint Address. COVID-19 safety protocols limited this year's in-person attendance, and—along with many other Members of Congress—instead watched the address from home.

However, I couldn't miss this important opportunity to honor Dr. Stanford and people like her all across Pennsylvania.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JAY SIMSON

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jay Simson, the President of The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York, on his retirement after 29 years of dedicated service.

ACEC New York represents the business interests of nearly 300 engineering and related firms in New York State. These are the companies that design our built environment. Without them, our transportation infrastructure, our public buildings, private office towers, hospitals, and so much more would simply not exist.

Jay Simson was a leader in his industry and a driving force for the interests of his member firms in Albany and before Congress. I know many of my colleagues from the New York delegation know Jay and have worked with him on a wide range of issues over the years.

What many of my colleagues might not know about Jay is that he is also an Olympic judge. He served on the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team board and was their delegate to the International Ski Federation. He was also the Head Judge for Freestyle Skiing at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

I thank Jay Simson for his commitment to the engineering industry and congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING WILLIAM GILLISON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. William Gillison.

Born in Beaufort, South Carolina, Pastor William Gillison attended Lackawanna, New York schools and enrolled in the United States Army in 1965. Sixteen years later—in 1981—Reverend Gillison became the pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church. During his time at Mt. Olive, the church's capacity increased tenfold, from 150 to 1,500.

Early in his career, Reverend Gillison founded the Mt. Olive Development Corporation, which continues to provide subsidized apartments for low income residents. Mt. Olive also operates as a distribution center for food and other essentials in Western New York. During the Covid-19 pandemic, it served as a testing and vaccination site. Interviewed by WGRZ, Pastor Gillison said that "The pandemic has really magnified and exposed in many cases the deficiencies in especially black and brown communities." Mt. Olive helped to lessen the racial disparities in vaccine distribution, furthering its mission and serving thousands of local community members.

Mt. Olive serves in every season. During the summer, the Church hosts a cookout and fireworks show for families. In the fall, it provides Thanksgiving dinners to 1,500 families. In the winter, through its Angel Tree Ministry program, it gives Christmas gifts to children of incarcerated men and women. Before he became president, George W. Bush visited Mt. Olive and was impressed with its work.

Pastor Gillison's experience with the government has not always been cordial. Working closely with attorney Johnnie Cochrane, Pastor Gillison fought to overturn a ban on bus routes to the Galleria Mall. This discriminatory practice prevented many people of color from shopping at the Mall, and even led to the killing of a worker who was forced to walk to her job at the Galleria Mall.

Pastor Gillison has served two terms as the President of the Baptist Ministers Conference and the Baptist Great Lakes Conference. He is the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees and has been recognized by national organizations for his ministry and service. He is particularly known for his interfaith communication; Pastor Gillison has traveled to Israel multiple times and formed relationships with both government and religious officials. None of this would have been accomplished without the help of his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Antonia Gillison. She has been his greatest supporter. While being a pastor he has also maintained his strong fatherly presence with his children.

Pastor Gillison has advanced our community spiritually, politically, and economically. He has been a tireless advocate for those with no hope and no voice. His leadership has transformed Mt. Olive into an indispensable beacon of light for our community and his work has touched lives across the country and world. During his fortieth anniversary as pastor, we celebrate how much Mt. Olive has accomplished, and we pray for the community it serves. Though he has accomplished much, Pastor Gillison is just grateful for the opportunity to serve. As he would say, "To God be the Glory."

CONGRATULATING AL ARGUELLO
ON A CAREER OF SERVICE TO
HIS COMMUNITY

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor Al Arguello, who is retiring after a 53-year career with Bank of America and will leave as President of Bank of America, Inland Empire.

A Rancho Cucamonga resident, Al has worked tirelessly throughout his career to give back to our community. When the great recession devastated the Inland Empire, it was Al's leadership that helped form the Housing Opportunities Collaborative to support the thousands of families facing foreclosure in our region. Al has also been a strong supporter of the Inland Empire's local economy, working to encourage the development of micro-businesses and finding ways to help entrepreneurs gain access to the start-up funds they need to succeed.

While he will continue to be involved as a key leader in our community, his friends and colleagues will surely miss him as he begins this new chapter. The lasting effects of Al Arguello's leadership and philanthropic efforts can be felt throughout the Inland Empire, and I know our community is better off because of Al's decades of service.

CONGRATULATING THE BARBERS
HILL HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES ON
THEIR FIRST BASEBALL STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Barbers Hill High School Eagles Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 5A High School Baseball State Championship. The Eagles Baseball team joins the Lady Eagles Softball team in clinching their first State Championship in school history. Barbers Hill is the first 5A High School, and only the seventh overall, in Texas history to win both State titles in the same season.

The Eagles finished the 2020–2021 season, with a record of 35 wins and eight losses. In the playoffs, Barbers Hill faced Manvel, Foster, Santa Fe, Lake Creek, and Friendswood before facing Hallsville for the State Championship. On June 12, 2021, the Eagles beat the Hallsville Bobcats by a score of two to one winning their first state title.

Raithen Malone, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player. Six Eagles were selected by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association to play on the Conference 5A All-Tournament Team: Raithen Malone, Brodey Williams, Simon Larranaga, Braden Jacobs, Jace Martinez, and Carson Garrett.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning season. Players: Luke Sims, Carson Garrett, Trevor Bates, Cameron Cauley, Jace Mar-

tinez, Raithen Malone, Braden Jacobs, Will Buntin, Brent Holdren, Colin Schmadl, McKade Massengale, Kyle Isaacks, Kasyn Franco, Ernest Sanders, Josh Campbell, Brodey Williams, Logan Knichel, Hunter Mercer, Blaine Huntley, Colt Erickson, Alden Brookshire, Maddox Malone, Carson Dunham, Simon Larranaga, and Kaden Garcia. Head Coach: David Denny. Assistant Coaches: Darren Seymour, Chris Cauley, Josh Presnall, and Noel Garcia. Athletic Trainers: Gina Pace, Adam Carroll, and Ha Nguyen. Student Trainer: MJ Stevens. Manager: Brennan McDonald. Statistician: Maddi Clary. Superintendent: Dr. Greg Poole. Athletic Director: Tom Westerberg. Principal: Rick Kana.

I wish each of these young men continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Eagles.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA MARIE
ROBINSON

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Donna Marie Robinson, who passed away on May 31, 2021.

Donna Marie was born in 1957 in Chicago and received both her undergraduate and master's in business degrees from the University of Chicago. After an illustrious career in commercial banking, she retired in 2013 as Vice President/Client Manager for Bank of America.

Throughout her life, Donna Marie was committed to service. She served on the San Diego Foundation's Board of Governors for seven years and was the bedrock of the Foundation's scholarship program. The Foundation is establishing the Donna Marie Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund in her honor.

Donna Marie fought tirelessly for women's health as a member of the Executive Leadership Team for the American Heart Association Go Red for Women. She was President of the Encinitas Coastal Rotary and was a member of countless other community organizations. She was a world traveler who could bring a smile to every face.

Donna Marie Robinson lived an incredible and full life. She was a crucial member of the Encinitas community and she will be missed by her family, friends, and everyone she touched.

CONGRATULATING ELLA
SENSENI

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Ella Sensesenig of Millersville, who, at 85, has recently retired as a school bus driver for Penn Manor School District after 41 years of dedicated and safe service.

Those 41 years must have added up to countless miles, but each trip presented the children on her school bus the opportunity to

learn, grow, and thrive. She started in a part-time position, driving students to sports activities or to the Lancaster Career & Technology Center Campuses before she started serving two generations of students at Central Manor Elementary as passengers on her bus for over 20 years.

Ella also drove the bus for her church's Bible School program for many years. She also served as a crossing guard, as a part-time police officer with Millersville, and as a nurse's aide throughout her career.

In a recent interview, Ella said: "Not a lot of people can say this, but there are no jobs I had that I didn't like." As she looks forward to retirement, she's looking forward to spending time with her family: two children, five grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

I thank Ella for her many years of service to students and I congratulate her on her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS AND DEDICATION OF THE
BUFFALO BLUES ORGANIZATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of the Western New York-based non-profit organization known as "Buffalo Blues" and their remarkable service and dedication to the Veteran community.

Buffalo Blues is a non-profit dedicated to using the power and reach of music to help Western New York Veterans and military families through fundraising and charitable donations. Founded by Bob James, Buffalo Blues forms an impactful partnership between the music community and Veteran groups. Musicians that partner with Buffalo Blues experience professional growth while also helping to raise funds and advocating for the needs of the Veteran community.

On May 6, 2021, Buffalo Blues announced that—with the help of over 200 musicians—they were able to donate over \$100,000 to 18 Erie County charities serving WNY Veterans and military families. Through live musical performances, merchandise sales, and online livestreamed concerts, these 200 musicians used their talents to both raise funds for these local charities and bring attention to the issues that often face the Veteran community.

In addition to raising funds, Buffalo Blues has been gathering data on the needs of Veterans and Military Families. This research helps to ensure that the money they raise goes to where it is most needed in the veteran community.

When the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered opportunities for live, in-person performances, Buffalo Blues adapted with the changing times. Knowing that the difficulties that Veterans and military families face weren't going anywhere, they found an innovative solution by livestreaming musical performances online until it was safe to return to the stages of Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to speak today, and ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the persistence and dedication of Buffalo Blues and their affiliated musicians. Their continual advocacy for

and service to Veterans and military families is commendable, and we thank them for their efforts.

RECOGNIZING STEVE
ANTONOPULOS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and dedication of Steve "Greek" Antonopoulos who announced that he will be retiring after 45 seasons with the Denver Broncos. Mr. Antonopoulos is the only individual to have worked for the Broncos during all eight of their Super Bowl appearances, as well as under three owners, and ten head coaches.

From Hugo, Colorado, Mr. Antonopoulos grew up watching Broncos games with his father. After graduating from the University of Northern Colorado, he worked as the head trainer at Fort Hays State University in Kansas, and in 1976, he joined the Broncos as an assistant trainer. Mr. Antonopoulos ends his career with the team as the director of sports medicine, a position he has held since 2016. Throughout his time with the team, he treated 983 players and worked a total of 941 games. The dedication that Mr. Antonopoulos has shown in his many years with the Broncos has undoubtedly been instrumental to the team and benefitted Broncos fans across Colorado and beyond.

On behalf of the 4th District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Mr. Antonopoulos and his family. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Steve Antonopoulos for his accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF WARRIOR
RUN, PENNSYLVANIA ON ITS
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Borough of Warrior Run, Pennsylvania on its 125th anniversary. Warrior Run was incorporated on January 25, 1895 after it split with neighboring mining village, Sugar Notch. The occasion will be marked by a festival and parade in late July after a year-long delay due to the pandemic.

The hills and valleys of Warrior Run were once densely forested Native American hunting grounds, inhabited by the Delaware, the Shawnee, and the Nanticokes. The Nattanhutter Path, a trail across the land to a gap in the mountains, became known as Warrior's Path, and the nearby spring was called Warrior Run or Warrior Spring. In 1778, more than one hundred men, women, and children followed the trail to safety in the aftermath of the Battle of Wyoming.

In 1791, Connecticut Yankees Elisha and Anna Blackman and their children were the first settlers on the land that would become Warrior Run. For generations, the Blackman

family cultivated the land on the site of the original homestead and witnessed the changes brought by time, industry, and immigration.

As the American Industrial Revolution boomed, the formerly agrarian community saw the rise of anthracite coal mining. In 1864, the Warrior Run Mining Company opened the Holland and Hillman mine and, by 1867, constructed a breaker at the foot of the mountain to sort coal. With regional railroads completing lines that ran through the area, the coal industry thrived, and the demand for workers increased, attracting immigrants from Europe. Coal mining was dangerous work, so Warrior Run miners joined the United Mine Workers to seek fairer wages and a shorter workday, and they participated in the successful 1902 Anthracite Coal Strike. Mining continued to be the dominant industry well into the 20th century until its decline in the 1950s.

Despite the challenges of life in the shadows of the culm banks, there was evidence of prosperity and growth. Electric streetcars connected nearby towns and villages to the City of Wilkes-Barre, and the Borough was home to many local businesses and establishments. Sport thrived in Warrior Run and brought the community together. The Warrior Run Indians was one of the region's leading baseball teams; the local football team was the undefeated league champion in 1929; and basketball was a popular sport at the local high school.

As the century marched on, the citizens of Warrior Run continued to foster a deep sense of community. They joined local social and charitable organizations to support their fellow residents and celebrate their heritage. Residents gathered at local bazaars and at events hosted by the American Legion, the Fireman's Association, and the Little League, which featured ethnic food and music. They marched through the streets each Memorial Day to honor those who served our country, and they visited the popular Sans Souci Amusement Park.

Through periods of prosperity and hardship, Warrior Run has remained a resilient and vibrant community, and I am honored to join Mayor Tom Shypulefski and all the residents as they celebrate the Borough's 125th anniversary.

HONORING CAPTAIN MIGUEL PEKO
UPON 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true Samoan warrior, Captain Miguel L. Peko, who will retire later this year from the United States Navy after a remarkable 35-year career as a Midshipman and Aviator.

In American Samoa, military service is more than just a job—it is a calling to serve not only our country, but our fellow countrymen. Contributing to the defense of this great nation day in and day out is a singular honor, and I am proud to represent a place that so values this service that it is continually recognized as one of the top recruiting stations anywhere in America for the U.S. military.

Few people know more about that kind of honor through service and duty than Captain Peko. This son of Utulei and Fagatogo flew combat missions in support of Fleet and Joint Operational commanders, coordinated maritime homeland defense efforts across the unified combatant commands, and had a direct impact on the formation of senior military leaders during his most recent post as Director of the Joint Advanced Warfighting School.

Captain Peko's career has garnered numerous decorations for excellence and leadership, including a Legion of Merit, four Air Medals, a Meritorious Service Medal, and a Joint Commendation Medal.

Finally, I would also like to recognize those who stood with him in these years, Captain Peko's family. Behind this successful military career is a wife who went months without her husband, daughters who spent hours of their young lives speaking to their father through a phone or on a video screen, and worried parents who prayed daily for their son's safety.

I thank Mrs. Kerrith Ann Peko and daughters Brenna and Alyssa, for their patience and for all the sacrifices that they have made over the past years. I congratulate Lolesio and Belinda Peko on the immense pride that they must feel for their son's exemplary service. God bless Captain Peko.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF WOMEN
AT WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of female admittance into William Jewell College. Through its history, the progressive institution has prioritized individual expression and creative thinking. Today, William Jewell is recognized for producing innovative thought-leaders making an impact in Missouri communities and beyond.

Founded in 1849 in Liberty, Missouri, William Jewell College prides itself in fostering an environment for students of diverse backgrounds to thrive. Jewell holds true to its founding vision as an institution that develops high-achieving leaders who shape a changing world. After four-years, Jewell graduates leave with an arsenal of knowledge, creativity, and fundamental leadership skills.

Since the 1920–1921 academic school year, William Jewell has encouraged women to pursue a co-education at the same level as men. More than 12,000 women have walked the halls of William Jewell in pursuit of a world class education. Not only does this milestone recognize the talented pool of William Jewell alumna, but the future female leaders eager to follow in their footsteps.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing 100 Years of Women at William Jewell College. William Jewell's century-long investment in women is reflected in the people of Missouri's Sixth Congressional District's commitment to educational prosperity.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL
VERN MILLER

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of a quintessential Kansas lawman, Vern Miller, who passed away at the age of 92. Mr. Miller's career in law enforcement spanned over 50 years with terms as Sedgwick County Sheriff, Sedgwick County District Attorney, and Kansas State Attorney General.

A U.S. army veteran born and raised in Wichita, Mr. Miller's career in law enforcement began in 1948 when he started as a deputy for the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, eventually serving three terms as Sheriff of Sedgwick County.

While serving as Sheriff, Mr. Miller drove the 155 miles to Oklahoma City University to attend night classes, earning his law degree in 1966. After passing the bar exam, Mr. Miller was elected as Kansas Attorney General in 1970 and again in 1972, winning all 105 counties in the state. As Attorney General, Mr. Miller vigorously enforced the laws of Kansas, focusing on drug rings and illegal gambling carts throughout the state.

Mr. Miller was a dedicated public servant whose work ethic and devotion to the law and to his fellow Kansans will be deeply missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family during this most difficult time.

CONGRATULATING KATORI HALL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memphis playwright, Katori Hall, who was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for Drama on Friday for her play "The Hot Wing King," which is set in a kitchen in Memphis. Ms. Hall won the prestigious national recognition as a nominee for a Tony Award for "Tina: The Tina Turner Musical," a Broadway musical about the singer from Nutbush, Tennessee. In its citation, the Pulitzer Board "The Hot Wing King" a "funny, deeply felt consideration of Black masculinity and how it is perceived, filtered through the experiences of a loving gay couple and their extended family as they prepare for a culinary competition." Ms. Hall, a graduate of Craigmont High School, first gained national acclaim for her 2006 play "The Mountaintop," set in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spent his last night in 1968. That play, which debuted in London, won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play. Hall is the creator of the cable television blockbuster "P-Valley," set in a Mississippi Delta strip club. I wish her well in what is already a very promising career.

TRIBUTE TO ROSELEE NICHOLS
ROBERTS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend and former House staff member Roselee Roberts, who passed away on April 22, 2020 in McDaniel, MD, on Maryland's Eastern shore. Roselee was a tireless advocate for America's space program and she will be deeply missed by many.

Roselee was born on April 24, 1942 in Baltimore, Maryland. After high school, she attended the University of Miami in 1960 and graduated with honors and a degree in math and economics in 1964. While in college, Roselee ran the campus speaker's bureau, where she met her future husband, William "Art" Roberts. After graduating, she was recruited and hired into a management position with AT&T's Southern Bell Co. at their Jacksonville, Florida office. About a year later, she and Art wed and moved to Reston, Virginia. A few years later, Roselee was selected to serve as a Junior Economist on President Lyndon Johnson's Council of Economic Advisers.

Following positions with the Office of Management and Budget and as Rep. Bill Nelson's (D-Florida) chief aide on the House Budget Committee, Roselee launched her space career by serving as a staff member on the House Science and Technology Committee's Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee. In 1985, she left Capitol Hill for a position in the McDonnell Douglas legislative affairs office, which later merged with the Boeing Corporation. In that era, the space and aeronautics industry was predominantly comprised of men with military backgrounds. To support and encourage women in the industry, Roselee helped establish Women in Aerospace. The group now includes more than 2,000 individual and corporate members.

In 2005, I was truly blessed to have Roselee head back to the House and serve as the staff director for the House Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee while I held the gavel as Chairman. With the space shuttle program and International Space Station facing significant challenges, the space industry was at an inflection point at that time. Thanks in large part to Roselee's determination and leadership, we were able to successfully pass and have a NASA authorization bill signed into law for the first time in five years. After serving in the House again, Roselee moved over to NASA headquarters for her final government post as the Special Assistant to the agency's Deputy Administrator.

Roselee is survived by her husband, Art, of 54 years; their children, Elizabeth (Libby) Roberts Holah and husband, Greg; and granddaughters Olivia Holah and Violet Holah, and Leigh Roberts Melton and husband, John; granddaughter Harper Melton and grandson Hunter Melton. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Roberts family, her friends, and everyone fortunate enough to have known Roselee. Although she may be gone, the many contributions Roselee made to our country will have a lasting impact.

REMEMBERING NIKHIL BADLANI
FOR HIS TALENTS, PASSIONS,
KINDNESS, AND LASTING MEM-
ORY IN NEW JERSEY'S 11TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Nikhil Badlani, a talented and compassionate 11-year old boy from West Orange, NJ whose enthusiasm and laughter brought joy to all who met him.

Nikhil was an excellent student. He received straight A's and had an advanced understanding of science and math. From the time he was three years old, Nikhil knew all there was to know about dinosaurs and he brought his passion and curiosity for understanding the world into the classroom.

Beyond his studies, Nikhil was a talented musician and at the age of 11 he was already excelling at both the piano and trumpet. His talent was undeniable and he was accepted to play trumpet with the Youth Orchestras of Essex County. Nikhil also loved the theater and he was a captivating actor.

It is impossible to fathom that on June 11, 2011 Nikhil was tragically killed when a distracted driver failed to stop at a stop sign. Nikhil is fondly remembered by his friends and family for his talent, energy, and kindness. Nikhil's life inspired his family to create the Nikhil Badlani Foundation in his honor, which provides lessons for musicians, scholarships for graduating seniors and brings traffic safety awareness and advocacy to our community.

In the years since his passing, community members have come together to celebrate his life and promote traffic safety in his honor. As this year marks ten years since that tragic day, South Orange Township will commemorate this milestone with a moment of silence at the crash site before unveiling its new name, "Nikhil's Way." Nikhil will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARE
ECONOMY AND IMPORTANCE OF
SUPPORTING HOME AND COMMU-
NITY-BASED SERVICES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of the care economy and the need for significant investment in home and community-based services to meet the needs of seniors, people with disabilities, and caregivers who serve them.

The vast majority of America's seniors and people with disabilities prefer to receive long-term services and supports in the home or in the community. However, there are currently significant roadblocks to quality, accessible home and community-based services. Many HCBS are provided through Medicaid, which has restrictive eligibility criteria and often has long waitlists for these services. Additionally, the direct care workforce that provides HCBS face low pay and few if any benefits, resulting in high turnover that impacts the services they

provide. As a result, far too many Americans are unable to access to quality, affordable home and community-based services. While the American Rescue Plan provided important resources for Medicaid HCBS to meet the immediate needs of the pandemic, more comprehensive reforms are needed to ensure that all Americans can live with dignity in the setting of their choosing.

The Biden American Jobs Plan will help meet this need by providing \$400 billion for quality home and community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities. This investment will transform the care economy by investing in the HCBS workforce, allowing them to receive pay and benefits commensurate with the work they provide. It will allow seniors and people with disabilities to receive

the high-quality care they need in the setting of their choosing. More importantly, it will provide dignity for all who participate in the care economy.

I urge my colleagues to support the American Jobs Plan and this historic investment in the care economy.